

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. Not Assigned

8. (Amended) A stent according to any of claim 5, wherein at least some of the joins provide a shoulder in a rearward axial direction.

9. (Amended) A stent according to claim 1 or 2, wherein, in its fully unloaded conformation the angle α between filaments is less than 90° .

10. (Amended) A stent according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the angle at which the filaments are joined to one another is in the range 0° to 15° .

11. (Amended) A stent according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the filaments bend outwardly towards the join, the angle at which they bend increasing as the filaments extend towards the join.
